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1. On 14 August 1952, the barracks installation on either side of Lenin Strasse in Annaberg (M 51/K 73) was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. During the preceding weeks as well as on 14 August, 200 troops in groups of 4 to 12 men carrying rifles on trucks daily left and entered the installation. One officer and 12 soldiers were engaged in signal service near the installation. Thirty soldiers with dogs entered the installation. (1)

2. On 14 August, the former Lehnert factory on Parkstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Four companies each of about 150 men carrying rifles, submachine guns, light machine guns and heavy machine guns left the installation toward Oberwiesenthal. On the preceding days, about 1,000 armed and unarmed troops in groups and platoons partly on trucks left the installation.

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3. On 14 August, the former boys' school at the intersection of Voigt Strasse and Michaelisstollen was partly occupied by about 150 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 50 soldiers were seen engaged in fatigue duty and, in small groups, relieving the guard. (3)

4. During the period from 30 July to 14 August, the quartering installation between Voigt Strasse and Klein Ruecker Walder Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered epaulets with about 10 percent having motor transport, engineer or artillery insignia and some wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. About 900 troops were daily seen drilling and being marched out in groups and platoons, with and without rifles and some with light equipment. On 15 August, 140 troops from this installation were engaged in field training near the Lehnert factory.

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5. During the period from 25 July to 13 August, the Kleine Kaserne south of the Aue (N 51/K 53) - Schneeberg road was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Up to 900 soldiers were daily observed engaged in training at the obstacle course; practicing offensive combat in groups and platoons; throwing hand grenades and engaged in athletics; including details of 4 to 12 men with rifles going toward Oberschlema to relieve the guard; and in platoons of about 35 unarmed men entering and leaving the installation. On 8 August, four companies each of about 150 men with rifles, submachine guns, light machine guns and heavy machine guns entered the installation, coming from the direction of Oberschlema, apparently from a field exercise there.

6. During the period from 25 July to 13 August, the Hochhaus administration building on the Aue-Schneeberg road was occupied by not less than 50 officers and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson, red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Each of the two entrances was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 200 men wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets, some of them working on motor vehicles and some of them not engaged, constantly were in the yard of the Hochhaus. On 13 August, [redacted] occupied by a general, two field grade officers and a driver wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets entered the installation. [redacted] occupied by about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets including 5 or 6 with artillery insignia was seen leaving the installation. [redacted]

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7. During the period from 25 July to 13 August, the Neue Kaserne south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg railroad line was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery, motor transport, engineer and signal insignia and some with tank insignia. About 600 soldiers either in groups of 12 to 35 or riding on trucks and buses daily left the installation. Drilling was observed in the barracks yard. About 50 officers including 2 colonels and 20 other field grade officers and numerous uniformed women were daily seen in the installation. [redacted]

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8. During the period from 19 July to 16 August, the restricted area I in Auerbach (N 51/K 32) was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery, motor transport, tank, signal and engineer insignia. Intensive firing practice with rifles, submachine guns, pistols and machine guns was daily held at the drill ground close to the installation. About 150 soldiers in platoons up to 40 and in groups up to 20 men with and without rifles were daily observed leaving the installation for practices and returning. Numerous trucks each carrying 30 to 40 unarmed soldiers were noticed in the evening and during the night entering and leaving the installation. On 6 August, about 40 soldiers carrying cable reels marched to the nearby woods. On 11 August, a combat practice

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involving about 300 troops was held in the Auerbach-Rodewisch area

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9. During the period from 12 July to 16 August, the restricted area II was partly occupied by about 800 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 300 soldiers with and without rifles on trucks daily left and entered the area. Small groups and platoons were only rarely seen marching out. About 80 to 100 men were engaged in technical service. Many trucks were always parked in the barracks yard.

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10. During the period from 22 July to 4 August, the barracks installation at Pit 60 southwest of the Johannegeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51) - Zibenstein road was partly occupied by about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 150 soldiers with rifles and some with light equipment in groups and platoons including, for the first time on 4 August, 30 men with dogs daily left the installation.

11. During the period from 22 July to 4 August, the Box furniture factory at the intersection of Lindenstrasse and Karl Marx Strasse in Johannegeorgenstadt was partly occupied by about 200 troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 100 soldiers were daily observed being drilled in groups, throwing hand grenades and engaged in athletics and about 30 soldiers engaged in technical service.

12. During the period from 22 July to 4 August, the barracks installation west of the town hall was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops. On 22 July, four companies each of about 150 men with rifles, submachine guns and light machine guns moved toward the border. Units up to 70 soldiers armed with rifles and submachine guns daily left and entered the installation on trucks and large buses. On 4 August, 35 soldiers left for firing practices. About 75 officers including 3 colonels, 1 lieutenant colonel and 2 majors were seen at and in the installation.

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13. During the period from 22 July to 4 August, the former Wendler factory north of a prolongation of Lindenstrasse was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered black epaulets part of them with motor transport, artillery, engineer and signal insignia and some with tank insignia. A total of about 650 soldiers in groups were daily seen entering and leaving the installation. About 150 soldiers were engaged in athletics. About 70 officers including 2 colonels and 1 major were seen at and in the installation. Trucks and numerous vehicles were observed entering and leaving the installation. (7)

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14. Attempting to observe AA gun emplacements in the Erlabrunn area north of Johannegeorgenstadt, [redacted] barring the area. [redacted] in Erlabrunn that the surrounding hills were restricted because AA guns were emplaced there. (8)

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15. During the period from 25 July to 8 August, the former Kutscher factory north of the Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) railroad station was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 100 officers including 5 colonels and about 20 other field grade officers were almost daily seen walking to the installation. About 700 men entered and left the installation. They marched in groups with rifles for the relief of the guard and in platoons of 35 to 40 soldiers, both armed and unarmed. On 8 August, sedan [redacted] occupied by a general and a colonel entered the barracks installation.

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16. On 14 August, the barracks installation south of Frohnau, just west of Annaberg, was occupied by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, 90 officers and a penal unit of about 100 men. About 200 dogs were seen in the installation. About 145 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were marched to the swimming pool. About 120 troops were drilled in groups. [redacted]

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17. On 12 August, the former Kohnert factory on Parkstrasse in Annaberg was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Twenty-four men were engaged in athletics and 180 soldiers carrying rifles, entrenching tools and gas masks marched out of the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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18. On 11 August, the former boys' school at the intersection of Voigt Strasse and Michaelsstollen was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 August, about 580 soldiers were marched to the cinema. On 11 August, 240 soldiers practiced in platoons in the barracks yard. [redacted]

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19. During the period from 8 to 17 August, a barracks installation consisting of two former civilian houses was noticed on Rathenau Strasse south of the theater in Annaberg. It was occupied by about 80 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Many troops were seen between this installation and the barracks installation on Lenin Strasse. No training activity was observed. (11)

20. During the period from 8 to 17 August, intensive training activity was observed in the training area on the Poehlberg, with about 60 troops practicing combat firing, about 150 soldiers engaged in field practice, 35 soldiers throwing hand grenades and about 90 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets being drilled in groups of 5 to 8 men. At 2:30 p.m. on 16 August, 450 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying rifles, spades and gas masks arrived at the training area, coming from the direction of Baerenstein. The commanding officer of the unit, a Lieutenant Colonel, [redacted] after a short stop, the unit marched with gas masks on toward the town. (10)

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21. On 13 August, the quartering installation on the Oberschlema (N 51/ K 43) - Aue road was occupied by about 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 30 dogs. [redacted] the unit was exclusively employed in guarding the pits of the Wismut AG. [redacted] 25X1
22. On 13 August, the Wildbach installation near Oberschlema was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. This unit was also exclusively employed in guarding the pits of the Wismut AG. Twenty-eight soldiers in groups were engaged in calisthenics. [redacted] 25X1
23. On 12 August, the barracks installation west of the Niederschlema Aue railroad line was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] the soldiers were employed as checkers and workers with the ore crushing plant. Fifty soldiers in platoons were drilling and, later, 40 soldiers were engaged in athletics. [redacted] 25X1
24. On 12 August, the quartering installation on the Niederschlema-Aue road was occupied by about 220 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. These soldiers were also employed as checkers and workers with the ore crushing plant. [redacted] 25X1
25. On 10 August, the AA gun emplacement north of Dimitroff Strasse and east of Glockenklinger Weg in Johanngeorgenstadt was occupied by about 70 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and had 6 x 37-mm AA guns. Trucks [redacted] was parked there. [redacted] informing him that the names of all deputy squad leaders with efficiency rating were to be submitted to More (probably code designation) by noon, on 17 May 1952; and signed by Senior Lieutenant Medvedev (fnu), Resarin (fnu) and Stepanov (fnu) [redacted] (8) 25X1 25X1
26. On 10 August, the quartering installation between Ribbenstocker Strasse and Dimitroff Strasse was occupied by a total of about 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 10 trucks. [redacted] 25X1
27. During the period from 8 to 15 August, the former Kutscher factory north of the railroad station in Schwarzenberg was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets. A new quartering building, about 30 to 50 meters square and about 10 to 15 meters high, was noticed. Individual units each consisting of 30 to 90 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets entered and left the installation. [redacted] (9) 25X1
28. On 1 August, service of the piece drill was practice on the Huegel (hill) north of Schwarzenberg. (8) In mid-July, the front building of the Vereinigte Wäschefabriken in Schwarzenberg was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. (13)
29. On 27 July, a newly constructed quartering building near the Breitenbrunn railroad station south of Schwarzenberg was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] left the installation in the direction of Schwarzenberg. (14) 25X1

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30. In mid-July, a newly constructed barracks installation with three garages and several sheds near the Filzteich (pond) southwest of Schneeberg (N 51/K 43) - Neustaedtel was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulots. On 12 July, 16 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulots and pulling two light guns left the installation in the direction of the woods east of the Filzteich. They were followed by 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulots and carrying rifles and light equipment. Trucks [redacted] were parked in the barracks yard. Truck [redacted] occupied by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulots was seen near the installation. (15)

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